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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114  
AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Applicants file this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed authorizing the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, a five-month period for reply to which expires February 9, 2006, applicants respectfully request amendment of the application and its reconsideration based upon the amendments and the following remarks and the concurrently filed Declaration of Hassibullah Akeefe.

Applicants request a two-month extension of time to submit a response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time and Form PTO-2038 are enclosed herewith authorizing the charge to cover the fee for two-month extension.

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